



Burleson Band *"The Spirit of the Elks"*

Burleson High School Band

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DEAR AWARD WINNING BURLESON HS (AND 8TH GRADE) BAND MEMBERS (PARENTS TOO!),

We are excited that most of you WILL be in the BHS "Spirit of the Elks" Marching Band next fall. We know you will find it to be a FUN, challenging, and rewarding experience. THE BHS BAND NEEDS GOOD PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU!

Below, you will find some important information about the high school band "experience".

Out of State Trips

The BHS Band takes an exciting out-of-state trip every other year. Last year the BHS Band performed at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC and toured the nation's capital. Then we traveled to New York City for three awesome days in the "BIG APPLE".

Next year's trip will take us to either HAWAII or DISNEY WORLD!

We hope you can be with us! Please understand that all out of state trips are student/parent funded. Other family members may travel with us! More information will be discussed during our Spring 2011 Trip Meeting on Monday, June 7th @ 7:00 PM in the BHS auditorium. All interested students, parents, and family members are invited to attend.

It's not too late to get into BAND! Just call or email us! Send us your schedule change form!

Scheduling your band classes... Please call if you have questions at 817-245-0092 or 817-999-3784.

FRESHMEN CAN BE IN THE BAND...in addition to participating in sports, cheerleading, singing (in the choir), and being in ROTC. We have created a band class called "CONCERT BAND", which does not conflict with girls' athletics. Those athletic girls who have a conflict with first period band can be enrolled into this class.

- "BAND" Class - Fall & Spring (Woodwind & Brass students only should select this class.)
- "MARCHING PERCUSSION Class" - Fall & Spring (All percussion students should select this class.)
- "COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD" - Fall & Spring (For students who want to spin the FLAGS and DANCE)
- JAZZ ENSEMBLE (10th, 11th, and 12th graders only.)

BHS Marching Band Mini-Camp (for brasses and woodwinds only)

All BHS Band members are required to attend this fun and exciting introduction to our marching and music for the season! *Please call if you have a conflict at 817-245-0092. You may also e-mail Mr. McGee at jmcgee@burlesonisd.net.*

BHS Marching Band Mini-Camp

June 3rd (Thurs.) 4:00PM to 7:00PM – BHS students check out "school-owned instruments" for summer use.

June 7th (Mon.) 8:00AM to 1:00PM (Register at 7:30 AM on 1st day) At STADIUM

June 8th (Tue.) 8:00AM to 1:00PM

June 9th (Wed.) 8:00AM to 1:00 PM

A mid-morning snack will be provided on site by the band boosters.

Camp tuition fee: \$40 total (collected on 1st day)

Make checks payable to: **BHS Band Boosters**

SPECIAL ALERT:

CHS STUDENTS will check out instruments from BHS on June 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. This is a change of date from what was originally published.

PERCUSSIONIST AND COLOR GUARD MEMBERS WILL HAVE SEPARATE CAMPS...SEE JULY CALENDAR DATES BELOW.

Mr. Joanis will contact all percussionists. Ms. Sharp will be contacting all color guard members. Just save the dates.

Need a school owned instrument?

BHS school-owned instruments may be used for a rate of \$25 for the summer and \$50 for the entire school year (\$25 per semester). Please make checks payable to: **BHS Band.**

- **Do this before the last day of school...** Please fill out an instrument usage form and have your parents sign it. **This form is included in this letter**. Please list your name and the kind of instrument you need on the check & form; then give your check to your middle school band director before school is out, **OR YOU MAY WISH TO MAIL IT DIRECTLY TO THE BHS BAND AT 100 ELK DRIVE**. Additional detailed information (brand name, serial number, etc) will be recorded on the day you receive the instrument.
- **No instrument will be issued until the student has filed the proper form (with signatures) and paid the usage fee**. Your instrument will be issued at the BHS band hall prior to the first day of **Mini-Camp on June 3rd – 4:00 to 7:00 PM**.

IMPORTANT ALERT: CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL CHECK OUT INSTRUMENTS AT BHS ON JUNE 10TH FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM INSTEAD OF ON JUNE 3RD, AS WAS EARLIER PUBLISHED.

Financial Aspects of Marching Band

So that you won't be too shocked in August when we begin to ask students to purchase certain items and pay fees, we have listed these things below. The marching band uniform is provided by the school district; however, students will be required to purchase additional items and accessories in August.

These marching related items include (estimated prices):

	BHS Band Water Jug	\$8 (order at Mini-camp in June)
	Band Show Shirt	\$15
	Black Shorts	\$6
	Black Socks	\$6
	Parade Gloves	\$6
	Marching Shoes	\$30
	Electronic Tuning Device & Mic	\$40 (woodwinds & brasses only)
Fees:	Rain Poncho	\$5 (freshmen & new students)
	Uniform Maintenance	\$35 (pays for all dry-cleaning & alterations)
	Instrument Usage (per yr.)	\$50 (school-owned instruments only)
	Friday Night Meals (10)	\$50 (prior to departure for games)

Spring *Concert Attire (spring semester only, worn for all concert band performances)

*Girl's Attire	\$100	Full-length solid black concert gown (pay \$50 down in August/ \$50 upon delivery in January)
*Boy's Attire	\$100	Solid black tuxedo, white tux shirt, black cummerbund, & black bow tie (pay \$50 down in August/ \$50 upon delivery in January)

*Measurements and orders for Concert Attire will be taken in late November and early December. Delivery will be in January 2011.

Please do not allow finances to alter your decision to be in the band... A fund-raising project will be made available to help finance all these costs! Need help? Just ask!

2010 Summer Band Dates

June

2	Wed.	4:00 - 10:15 PM	Graduation Exercises – Daniel Meyer Coliseum – TCU – Honors Band performs – Report in formal attire to band hall @ 4:00 PM Buses leave for TCU @ 5:00 PM / Commencement begins at 7:00 PM / Return to BHS @ 10:15 PM
3	Thurs.	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Check-out School Owned Instruments @ BHS band hall (Bring Instrument Usage Form & \$25 Usage Form)
7	Mon.	7:00 PM	New Student & Parent "Informational Meeting"
7	Mon.	7:30 PM	Spring 2011 Trip Meeting for BHS Band Students & Parents – Destination Hawaii or Disney
7-9	M – W	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	BHS Marching Band Mini-Camp – Woodwinds & Brasses Only - \$40 Tuition & Fees (includes lunch)

July

5-8	M-Th.	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	BHS Percussion Camp - \$150 Tuition & Fees
22-24	Th.-Sat	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BHS Color Guard Fundamentals Camp – \$150 Tuition & Fees cover the Fundamentals and the Routine Camps (includes lunch)

August

2-4	M-Wed	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	BHS Color Guard Show Routine Camp
5-6	Th.-Fri.	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Band Leadership Training
9-13	M-F	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	1st Week of BHS Marching Band Pre-Season Rehearsals – No tuition
		4:00 – 6:30 PM	Band Pictures (Group & Individual)
		7:00 – 8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social & Premier Performance of the BHS Marching Band Show Music – BHS Cafeteria
16-20	M-F	4:30 – 9:00 PM	2nd Week of BHS Marching Band Pre-Season Rehearsals – No tuition
21	Sat.	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Fish Camp Performance (9 th grade band members will be given a separate registration because of our performance.)
27	Fri.	4:15 – 11:30 PM	1st Football Game Performance (Band booster parents will serve a meal to the students prior to the game.)

If you have any questions concerning any of the events addressed above, please call us at the BHS band office 447-245-0092 or 817-999-3784 (cell). We will welcome your call!

Sincerely,
Joe McGee, Michael Moscoso, Jaime Sharp, & Allen Joanis
BHS Band Directors

Band Course Descriptions

2010-2011

Concert Band

Grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Audition and/or director approval

Weight: 1 Credit: 1

The Concert Band performs on as a separate performing group on limited basis. Emphasis is on musicianship, discipline, and team work. Both the fall and spring semesters offer developmental technique training, sight-reading, ensemble rehearsal skills development, concert performances, and exposure to wind band literature of **developmentally appropriate demand**. **Concert band members are now expected to participate in marching band rehearsals and performances**. Concert band is provided for students who are enrolled in an athletic class that conflicts with the Honors, Symphonic 1, or Symphonic 2 band class schedule.

Symphonic Band I & II

Grades 9-12

Competitive - Academic eligibility required

Prerequisite: Audition and/or director approval

Meets PE credit substitute during the fall semester

Weight: 1 Credit: 1

The Symphonic Band performs as a part of the “Burlson High School Marching Band” at all regular season football games and pep rallies, and competes in UIL Marching, Concert, and Sight-reading competition as well as other adjudicated events. Emphasis is on musicianship, discipline, and team work. Both the fall and spring semesters offer developmental technique training, sight-reading, ensemble rehearsal skills development, concert performances, and exposure to wind band literature of **medium difficulty**. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

Honors Band

Grades 9-12

Competitive – Academic eligibility required

Prerequisite: Audition and/or director approval

Meets PE credit substitute during the fall semester

Weight: 1 Credit: 1

The Honors Band performs as a part of the “Burlson High School Marching Band” at all regular season football games and pep rallies, and competes in UIL Marching, Concert, and Sight-reading competition as well as other adjudicated events. Emphasis is on musicianship, discipline, and team work. Both the fall and spring semesters offer developmental technique training, sight-reading, ensemble rehearsal skills development, concert performances, and exposure to wind band literature of **advanced difficulty**. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

Percussion Class

Competitive – Academic eligibility required

Grades: 9-12

Prerequisite: Audition and director approval

Meets PE credit substitute during the fall semester

Weight: 1 Credit: ½

The percussion class performs as a part of the “Burlson High School Marching Band” at all regular season football games and pep rallies, and competes in UIL Marching, Concert, and Sight-reading competition as well as other adjudicated events. Emphasis is on musicianship, discipline, and team work. Both the fall and spring semesters offer developmental technique training, sight-reading, ensemble rehearsal skills development, concert performances, and exposure to percussion and band literature of **medium to advanced difficulty**. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

Band Color Guard**Fall****Competitive – Academic eligibility required****Grades: 9-12****Prerequisite:** Audition and director approval

Meets PE credit substitute.

Weight: 1 Credit: ½

The Band Color Guard is an auxiliary to the “Burleson High School Marching Band” which performs at all regular season football games and pep rallies. The color guard class focuses on the development of visual flag and dance fundamentals as related to the marching band field show. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

Band Winter Guard**Spring****Competitive – Academic eligibility required****Grades: 9-12****Prerequisite:** Audition and director approval

Meets PE credit substitute

Weight: 1 Credit: ½

The BHS Winter Guard is the indoor version and continuation of the fall color guard experience. The Winter Guard competes at selected North Texas Colorguard Association sanctioned events each winter and spring. The Winter Guard class focuses on the advanced individual and ensemble development of dance, flag, saber, and rifle technique as well as competitive routines. Additional rehearsal time outside the school day of 4-5 hours per week is to be expected. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

Jazz Ensemble**Grades 9-12****Prerequisite: Must be a current member of the Honors, Symphonic, or Concert band. Audition and/or director approval required.****Weight: 1 Credit: ½**

The Jazz Ensemble is a limited instrumentation performing band. The ensemble performs at concerts and community events each spring. Emphasis is on performing styles of American jazz, blues, and rock. Jazz solo techniques are also studied. Participation in all extracurricular rehearsals and performances is required.

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Date Paid _____
Amount _____
Cash__Check#_____

Summer 2010 and/or School Year 2010-2011
School Owned Instrument Usage Agreement
Burleson High School Band

The Burleson Independent School District furnishes certain instruments for use by students as suggested by the Texas Education Agency. These instruments include: Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, and Percussion equipment. These instruments are generally the larger and more expensive ones required for band use.

The fee for use of a school horn during the **school year is \$50; summer use is \$25.**
Damage to the instrument will be charged to the student. Insurance to cover damage or loss is highly encouraged. This may be covered on your homeowners' insurance policy. Please consult your personal insurance agent.

INSTRUMENT & BRAND _____

SERIAL NUMBER _____

I, _____, agree to the terms of the
(Parent or guardian)

above agreement for _____ for the
(student's name)

summer / school year.
(circle one)

(parent or guardian signature)

BHS Band Schedule Change Form

Want back in band? Complete this form & mail it.

Please schedule my child, _____,
into: **Student's name**

(Please circle one class.) **Band Class (brasses & woodwinds only)**
Color/Winter Guard Class
Percussion Class

for the fall semester 2010-2011.

Drop: _____
(Course you want to take at another time or drop)

Parent signature

Date

Daytime phone

email address

Return this form ASAP to:

Burleson HS Band

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Burleson, TX 76028

We are thrilled that your student has chosen to be in our organization...

If you have further questions? Contact Joe McGee, Michael Moscoso, & Jaime Sharp, or Allen Joanis at the BHS band hall (817-245-0092).